

## Message Text

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R 121225Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1576  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY  
AMCONSUL CALCUTTA  
AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
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AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, IN  
SUBJECT: DEFEAT OF NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

REF: NEW DELHI 7455

1. ON MAY 11 PRIME MINISTER DESAI REPONDED TO CHARGES  
LEVELED AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT DURING THE COURSE OF THE  
LOK SABHA'S SPIRITED 2-DAY DEBATE OF THE NO-CONFIDENCE  
MOTIONS TABLED BY THE TWO CONGRESS PARTIES (REFTEL). THE  
PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS, LIKE THE OPPOSITION'S CHARGES,  
FOLLOWED FOR THE MOST PART WELL-ESTABLISHED LINES. IN  
HIS SPEECH, WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED MANY TIMES BY SHOUTS  
FROM THE CONGRESS BENCHES, HE PRAISED THE JANATA  
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GOVERNMENT'S RESTORATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND ITS  
SUCCESS IN BRINGING PRICES DOWN TO MARCH 1977 LEVELS.  
HE SAID HIS PARTY WOULD NEED ANOTHER YEAR TO UNDO THE  
MISTAKES OF PREVIOUS CONGRESS GOVERNMENTS.

2. PRIME MINISTER DESAI NOTED THAT DURING THE TWO  
DAYS OF DEBATE THE OPPOSITION HAD RAISED ONLY TWO NEW

POINTS. THE FIRST - THAT THE PM'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
V. SHANKAR HAD MEDDLED IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF TOP

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - DESAICONTEMPTUOUSLY DISMISSED  
AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE WAY THE CONGRESS, NOT THE JANATA,  
DID BUSINESS. THE SECOND - THAT THE PM'S SON KANTI WAS  
INVOLVED IN MYSTERIOUS AFFAIRS AT GOI EXPENSE - EVOKED  
A LENGTHY DEFENSE BY THE PM OF HIS SON'S PROBITY.  
WHEN ONE CONGRESSMAN JUMPED UP TO ASK WHY THEN HOME  
MINISTER CHARAN SINGH WISHED TO ARREST KANTI, MORARJI  
SNAPPED: "THAT'S BETWEEN THE HOME MINISTER AND ME."  
HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO PROSECUTE HIS  
SON IF ANY CHARGES COULD BE PROVED AGAINST HIM.

3. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, THE LOK SABHA DEFEATED THE  
NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS BY A VOICE VOTE.  
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